

Can't believe that Christmas is here!

It doesn't seem possible that we have started our Christmas preparations this week! Have you done your shopping yet? Well I haven't and this year the school goes on until **Friday 21st December!!** May I remind all parents that this is when we close for Christmas and will be finishing at **2.00p.m.** Thank you.

Sleeping Beauty

Eclipse Theatre Company are again performing their Pantomime in our school hall. This year it is "Sleeping Beauty".

The show is on **Thursday 6th December at 7.00p.m.** Tickets go on sale from the Office on Monday at **£3.50** each.

For newcomers to the school, this is always well performed and a lot of fun.

Many parents and staff come with their families to enjoy the Christmas pantomime season. Eclipse donate half of the ticket sales to the school which supports our Christmas activities.

Charity support.

Thank you for all the support you have given for the Poppy appeal, children in need (Pudsey) and the Tickled Pink Breast Cancer appeals.

Corby Old Village



Primary School

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Christmas Fair

Friday 30th November

2.00p.m.

School Hall.

Your children are spending the week making items for sale on Friday. There will be decorations, cards, wrapping paper, fun stalls, refreshments, raffle. You can collect your child at **2.00p.m.** and enjoy the fair—**20p** to get in. Once you have collected your child they stay with you until you go home please.

At the Christmas Fair the School Council want to have a Chocolate Tombola again. If possible, can parents donate some items of chocolate please?



Fire drills.

The school has to abide by all fire regulations and safety policies. The Fire Prevention Services expect us to hold impromptu fire drills regularly. It is the job of the Fire Officer in our school to consider all eventualities, to monitor evacuation and record all the details as a report for the County Safety Officers. If your child is with visiting professionals then they need to know the procedures and demonstrate that they can respond in the event of a real fire. Nobody can predict when a fire could occur. With all this in mind a fire drill took place in the school last Thursday afternoon. The drill requires everyone to evacuate the building by the nearest fire exit, no matter what stage of dress they are in. This led to Class 2 having to go outside in their PE kits, and as they were in the Hall, without footwear. No exception can be made. In the event of a real fire children and staff MUST leave the building, even if they are naked! A fire drill must be treated in the same way. We were all out within three minutes, and as soon as the teachers had checked that everyone was accounted for on the grass, the alarm was silenced and we returned to the building. Class 2 were encouraged to keep moving while outside, so they did not get cold, they were first to return and then their PE continued so that their body temperature was not affected. It is because we take your child's welfare so seriously that we hold such drills, and will continue to do so. Every precaution to ensure the well being of your children is considered by all members of staff at all times. Any complaints received are treated seriously and aired and shared. We accept criticism and respond to it. However, when we have a legal responsibility to follow safety policies we do not apologise for the drill, but celebrate the children's responses and learning through the experience.

Hot school dinners.

Sadly, we have no news of these restarting yet. In response to the parents and children who had signed the form at the Office, I telephoned and spoke to the Catering Officer at the Local Authority and asked about alternative provision. It appears NO other company will provide hot meals for less than 100 children a day. When I pointed out we were a small school she reduced that number to 60(half the school population). As this is nowhere near the regular number, even through the winter months, we are going to have to wait for the kitchens to be refurbished at Rockingham Primary School. Apparently, as our numbers are so small, we have been fortunate that Three Tier Caterers have provided for us in the past. Sadly too, if the Local Authority are struggling to pay for a kitchen to be refurbished then what hope have we got of ever having our own kitchens?

Headship

This school is a great school! I have chosen to retire after 30 years of teaching at a time when the school is thriving. The post will be advertised in the Times Education Supplement and County Bulletins. Applications will be invited and the Governors will then interview in the new year. The appointment of a Headteacher is a lengthy process, and sadly very few teachers want to consider the responsibilities of Headship, especially in a small school where demands are greater on staff than in larger schools. As soon as the Governors have made their appointment you will be informed. In the meantime the school is "Business as usual!" and I look forward to Christmas.

After School clubs.

These will continue until Thursday 6th December. There will not be any after school clubs then until Tuesday 8th January 2008.

**Don't forget the Christmas Fair on Friday
30th November at 2.00p.m.**

20p to get in.

Decorations, crafts, gift tags, tombola, lucky dip, refreshments, raffle, children's pride in their achievements.!





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RIP

Last week we attended the funeral of Mrs. Linda Cooper. Some parents who knew her said they would like a collection in her memory. The family asked for donations to Great Ormond Childrens Hospital or the Monkey Sanctuary. If you would like to give to either then please put your contributions into an envelope and the Office red box please. It would be good to send our contribution off by Friday 7th December please.

Diary dates:

- 26.11.07— After school clubs.
- 27.11.07—Megazone club, Chess club, Eco club, Sewing club.
- 28.11.07- Class 4 swimming. Parent and Toddler group. After school clubs. Netball training. Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics at CTC 4.00p.m. til 5.30p.m.
- 29.11.07— Forest School for Year 3. Megazone, Bird and Woodland Art club
- 30.11. 07— 2.00p.m. Christmas Fair—20p entry— School Hall.
- 3.12.07 - Grand Christmas Raffle tickets go home today. After school clubs.
- 4.12.07- FOTS meeting 2.15p.m. Megazone club, Chess club, Eco club, Sewing club.
- 5.12.07- Swimming for Class 4. Football in KS2 Sports sessions. After school club including Netball club.
- 6.12.07—Forest School for Year 3. Megazone club, Bird and Woodland Art club. After school club finishes. 7.00p.m. Sleeping Beauty Pantomime £3.50
- 7.12.07— Next full Newsletter.
- 10.12.07— **No After school clubs.**

Friends of the school.

All welcome to the next meeting 2.15p.m. on Tuesday
4th December in the school Library.

Planning for Christmas parties

Corby Library are inviting Year 3 and Year 4 children to join their Chatter-books Reading Group the next meeting which is at 4.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. on December 10th at Corby Library. More information is available outside the school Office.

